



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:30am.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8am-5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

Rosary: In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May, there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. All are welcome.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday 10:30am – 11:15am followed by Benediction.

CONFESSION: Saturday 9:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) or by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Year C Ps Week 1

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: 144(145):8-13a

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.
or Alleluia!

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

7/8 May 2022

Envelopes	£ 360.56
Loose	£ 386.05
Total	£ 746.61

Standing Orders April 2022 **£ 3,247.50**

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (Saturday)

For all queries regarding Parish accounts, Gift Aid, Weekly envelopes, Standing orders and so on, please email at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk & for Parish Centre(s) bookings, please email at sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk or contact Lavina, Parish Administrator at the Parish office.

PARISH NOTICES

Bell: As you will all hear our bell is now fully restored and ringing! I am delighted to say that the project has finished on time and within budget. Again, I would like to thank, on behalf of the parish, everyone who has helped make this project possible by their prayers, advise, and generosity. The yummy cakes & savoury food sale last week was an outstanding success, raising over £1,200. A particular thanks to everyone involved in

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making it such a triumph. By now we are only £2000 short of our target.

Confirmation 2022: The Confirmation rehearsals and Confessions will be at 5:30pm on Tuesday 17th May in the Church. The Confirmation liturgy itself will be at 7pm on Friday 20th May. Please keep all of our 37 candidates in your prayers.

Priest Training Fund: Thank you for your generosity, we have raised **£406.50**. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or you can use the *QR code* to make your donation *online* or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

THE 100 CLUB – RENEWAL: It's renewal time! We are also welcoming new members, you can join by completing the form online from the Parish website or speak to Helen/Marek. Contact - M: 07879 41557 E: stignatius100club@btinternet.com

REGULAR NOTICES

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish and would like to register, the Parish Registration (White) forms are available in the Church porch or please email the Parish Office.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: NEW Weekly Donation Envelopes start TODAY! A big **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who have been supporting our parish through Standing Order, Weekly Donation Envelopes, Gift Aid Scheme, Blue Envelopes and to all those who are planning to join. Please continue your support.

1. If you would like **"Weekly Donation Envelopes"** or would like to setup **Standing Order**, please complete the *Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order (Blue) Form* available in the Church Porch OR please contact the Parish office, call: 01932783507 or Email: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk OR please visit our Parish Website – **DONATE/Donate to our Parish**.

2. If you are a **TAX PAYER**, please consider joining the **"Gift Aid Scheme"** by completing the same form.

3. You **DO NOT** need to be a *Tax Payer* in order to set up or request for *Standing Order or Weekly Donation Envelopes*

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass, the blue envelopes are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes through the Rectory - Letterbox or email the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill please contact Fr Christian to arrange a visit.

Altar Servers: Online applications to begin serving at Mass are now open for applicants under 18 and over 18. Applicants should have received their First Holy Communion. Prior experience is welcomed but not required. Please visit Parish Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups/First Holy Communion

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The next rota starting 8th May is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - Parish Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups/First Holy Communion

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Parish Schools: St Ignatius Catholic Primary School and St Paul's Catholic College (Secondary) are this parish's two Catholic Schools, though some parishioners have children at Catholic secondary schools outside the parish bounds. Both are thriving schools. All Catholics are encouraged to have their children educated in a Catholic context.

Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice for Catholic Schools

- Parents are requested to contact the School Office first to learn about the School admissions & visit <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions>.
- **For Secondary Transfer Year 7 (Sept -Oct), Reception (Nov - Jan) & Nursery (Feb- Apr),** please keep reading the Newsletter near the time for Online appointment(s) with the Priest via Parish website.
- **For School Years (Yr1 to Yr6) & other school years,** please email the Parish Office for an appointment at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism: To arrange for the baptism of any child under the age of seven please contact the Parish Office to book a meeting.

All parents will need to complete a short course on the Sacrament of Baptism, usually held at noon on Saturdays. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which works, again at noon.

Becoming Catholic 2021-22: Welcome home! Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2022: Please see the Session dates on the Parish Website.

First Holy Communion 2022: Mass Attendance cards

1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stamps/Stickers will not be issued for a missed Sunday.
5. Please contact the Parish Office if you need a new Attendance Card.

EVENTS

Ukraine Hosting Scheme - Supporting people seeking sanctuary: On Wednesday 18th May, 6.30 - 8pm via Zoom. Join Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service for an information session if anyone is interested in supporting or hosting a Ukrainian family or others seeking sanctuary. This session is open to those who are hosting, would like to learn more, or would like to join a group to discern what a wider welcome could look like. This session is a part of the wider Diocesan Community of Support. Sign up by visiting <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php> or [Caritas Westminster's Eventbrite Page](#)

Permanent Diaconate - 'Come & See': The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the

Permanent Diaconate, they are invited to a 'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 21st May, 10am - 12noon at Church of The Guardian Angels, 377 Mile End Road, E3 4QS. For further information please contact Deacon Adrian Cullen adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or 07961 594725 <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

National Days of Prayer & Fasting for Life: On Saturday 21st May, the Vigil of the Feast of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. **Fasting** Fast from all food except bread and water for the day. **Prayer** We are asking people to say a Rosary (or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already). You could also offer an extra effort such as going to Mass (or an extra Mass) on the day, or going to Adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle if Adoration is not available near you. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

On Wednesday dreadful news was emerging from Hong Kong. Perhaps the greatest man of the Church today, the ninety-year-old Joseph Cardinal Zen, retired Archbishop of Hong Kong, was arrested on charges of breaking the new so-called "National Security Law" and "collaborating with foreign powers." Why? Because he helped organise legal council for pro-democracy protesters who had been arrested, and had spoken up for freedom himself. 'Shouldn't the cardinal have kept out of politics?' some might say. Our Lord's words today should dismiss any such idea. Our faith is not a faith for cowards and those who would only wish a quiet life.

"I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you." How familiar and comforting these words of Our Lord are, yet perhaps we do not take these words as seriously as we should. The "golden rule" of Christ, the rule of love, is the foundation of our entire world view as Christians, yet it can also be interpreted in a somewhat wishy-washy way. It can be interpreted in a way which reduces this radical call to love to merely being nice, or making the world around us seem a little more comfortable.

But this is, of course, to fall well short of the radical call this is. In the Old Testament, and in other places, Christ tells us to "love others as you love yourself." Here, however, he says that he is not repeating something from the Old Testament. It is a "new commandment." It is not merely a commandment to love others as one loves oneself, it is a call to love as Christ Himself has loved us. Christ does not have a passive love, His love is passionate, His love is dangerous. His love leads Him to abandon His own security and comfort and to embrace our brokenness, embrace our faults, embrace our pain and even to embrace our death itself.

Are we prepared for this? We cannot know until we are tested. Let us pray never to be tested as Cardinal Zen is tested now, but let us also pray that if we are we may have a mere fraction of his Christ-centred love.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Pat Suckling, Zofia Moore, Margaret O'Sullivan, Rose Marie Hook, Yolanda Albutt, Gerald (Gerry) O'Brien.

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+